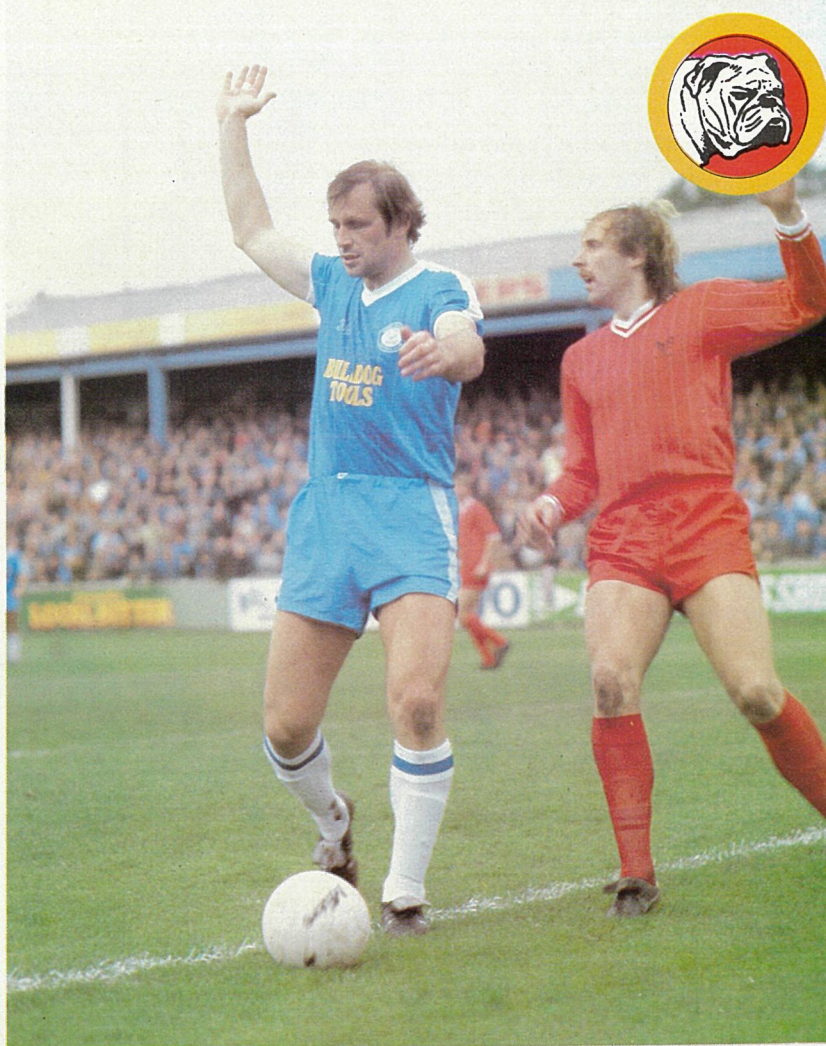


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THIRD DIVISION

Round Up

by Harold Ashurst

ONE of the suggestions in recent times to bring the supporters back to football has been to let the country's unemployed through the turnstiles at a cheaper rate.

A good idea think many, but Latics opponents last week, Gillingham, tried the scheme and found out some of its faults — at a pretty high cost.

The club made one turnstile available for the unemployed, who could only be admitted if they showed their benefit cards.

This they did, but once inside threw their cards back over the wall to friends waiting outside.

Gillingham officials report that the scheme was badly abused but are bravely keeping it up for a little longer.

Latics near-neighbours Preston North End now have the biggest Board of Directors in the Football League.

Following their extra-ordinary general meeting in midweek, the five existing directors and 14 new subscribers all bought £12,500 of new shares.

The move wiped off their £225,000 overdraft, but now there's talk about them hiring the Guild Hall for Board meetings!

Doncaster Rovers, currently bottom of the Third Division, have an amazing record this season.

They feature in the top three highest scoring games in the Division.

The highest score this season, anywhere in fact, is Doncaster's 7-5 victory over Reading. Then three days later they were involved in another cracker, a 3-6 home reverse to Latics, and then on October 6th they featured in another goal-packed encounter, a 4-4 home draw with Brentford.

Manager Billy Bremner must be delighted with the form showed by his forwards. He's now asking questions about his defence — like has he got one!

The Division's leading scorers are: Kerry Dixon (Reading) 20; Bobby Mahoney (Brentford) 15; Alan Biley (Portsmouth) 14; and Derek Bell (Lincoln), Tommy Tynan (Newport) and Francis Joseph (Brentford) 13.

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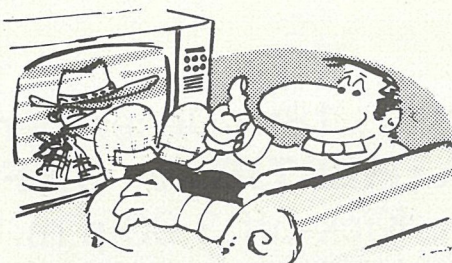
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YOU will no doubt have read in the press the saga of Derby County versus Bradford City concerning Roy McFarland. In several papers I saw reference to the actual rules which Derby are reputed to have contravened, they being Football League Regulations 59 and 80. Nowhere, however, did I read the actual wording of the regulations and I thought that you might be interested to read it. Regulation 59 reads:

Clubs, Officials or Players shall not directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce a Registered Player of another Club for any purpose whatsoever the Club for which he is registered. Any infringement of this Regulation shall be entitled to take such action and impose such penalties against the Club, Official or Player of the Club as they may in the circumstances think fit".

And "inducement" is defined as follows:

"Public statements by Club Officials of their interest in Registered Players of other clubs shall be regarded as inducement within the meaning of this Regulation".

So it is quite clear that tempting McFarland away from Bradford where he was registered as a player is an offence (Derby, however, denied that they had induced him). As he also had a Managers contract, tempting him away would also contravene Regulation 80 which states:

"No Club shall induce or attempt to induce any employee of another Club to break a contract of employment where such contract is for a fixed term and has not expired".

There is no doubt, therefore, that if inducement can be proved, Derby are guilty of a serious breach of regulation.

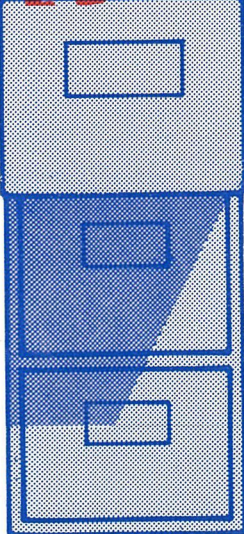
The £10,000 fine imposed by the League may appear to be quite large, but it is within the authority of the Management Committee to impose even harsher penalties under the powers vested in it by Regulation 9(a) which reads,

"The Management Committee and any Commission or Sub-Committee duly appointed by the League or the Management Committee shall have powers of inquiry . . . into all matters constituting or pertaining to any breach of these Regulations by Clubs and Players and Officials". . . . The Management Committee whether or not they have appointed a Commission or Sub-Committee to hold an inquiry shall have full powers to deal with all Clubs, Officials and Players whom they shall deem guilty of having offended against or committed a breach of these Regulations and they shall be entitled to take such action and impose such penalties, either by way of reprimand, fine, suspension, expulsion or other penalty as they may think fit . . ."

Derby County now intend to appeal under Regulation 62 which states that "The Board of Appeal will be composed of three persons, members of and nominated by the Council of the Football Association. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final".

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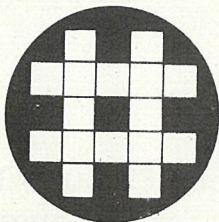
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PUZZLE PAGE



ON THE BALL No. 12

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go:
Has anybody here seen Eddie?; Participates; Peter the keeper springs!; Manager Larry.

CLUB CLUE No. 12

Solve this cryptic club to identify a famous foreign club:

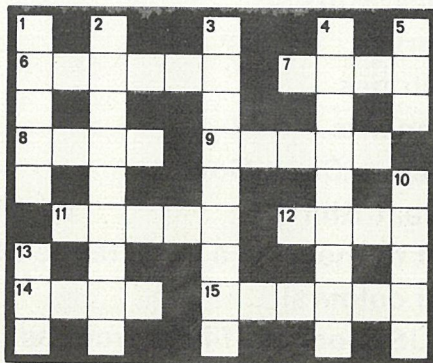
Extremely crazy to dispose of it!

MIXED DOUBLES No. 12

Re-order the letters in each of the words **YEAR** and **WAKES** to find the names of two men called Bill.

QUICK QUIZ No. 12

1. Who was European Footballer of the Year before Kevin Keegan?
2. How many League goals were scored in the ten seasons completed up to 1982?
3. Which club won the Super Cup in its first two years?
4. Which club was relegated in 1982 for the first time in its fifty-year League history?
5. Flamengo is, of course, a famous Brazilian soccer club — but what was it originally formed for?



SOCCER NINETY-NINER

No. 12 (compiled by David Peck)

ACROSS

1. Left-winger in Spurs' 'double' side; he later served Fulham and Colchester (5)
5. See 12 across
6. Old England striker who played nearly 500 League games for Manchester United between the wars (6)
8. Defender who made his 300th League turn-out for Orient last season (6)
9. Former international centre-half with Arsenal and Manchester United (3,3)
10. Former England defender whose managerial career began with one Bristol club and then continued with the other (6)
12. & 5ac. Division Two ground whose club has been in residence for a hundred years (4,4)
13. The first name of 1 across and 10 across (5)

DOWN

1. --- McPartland was between the sticks for Middlesbrough, Carlisle, Northampton and Hartlepool (3)
2. One sort of surface (8)
3. It's a sign of the supporter! (7)
4. Create a diversion ballwise (7)
5. A former West Ham playing colleague of Frank O'Farrell's, he managed Torquay before O'Farrell's second spell there (8)
7. Famous Oxbridge side which flourished in the fifties (7)
11. More than one of the game's Greenwoods (3)

Answers on page 12.



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THE LOCAL VIEW



BY GEOFF KEMP

A GROUP of local amateur soccer teams have really been left out in the cold after their usual changing rooms were closed for repairs.

Wigan Council suddenly decided to shut the pavilion at the Christopher Park soccer pitches in Standish Lower Ground in order to complete some unfinished renovation work on the electrical system. But the first Rose Bridge Old Boys knew about it was when they found their way barred at the weekend by the locked doors of the changing rooms and had to strip off in the bitterly cold open air.

The other teams involved — all four come from the Wigan Amateur League — are St. Cuthberts, St. Judes and Standish Lower Ground LC and they now intend to make some representation to the Council in an effort to have the pavilion opened again. Otherwise, they say, they will have to call off all their home games because there are no alternative changing facilities anywhere close by, and it is hardly realistic to expect the players to change in the snow, rain and countless other hazards of the great Wigan outdoors.

A few cases of double pneumonia could well be the result of that last problem, but someone with his eye on other aspects of footballer's fitness is Bethel F.C.'s David Bingham. David is the club's physiotherapist and although still a teenager he already has an F.A. qualification in the subject and experience both at Bethel and with League Club Stockport County.

The highlight of his career came recently, however, when he was invited to Anfield for a look

around the set-up which keeps Liverpool at peak fitness week after week after week. At the end of his visit came a quite incredible offer from the League Champions when Bethel were invited to purchase for a nominal fee an "interferential" — therapy equipment worth thousands of pounds when new. The machine, only a couple of years old and in perfect working order, was duly bought and installed at Bethel and now David has made this high technology healing method available to all local sportsmen. Anyone is welcome to contact him for him to arrange whatever treatment is necessary for whatever sporting injuries. The benefit to the injured player is a quicker than expected return to the field of play, while the benefit for David is valuable experience on the path which he hopes will take him into professional physiotherapy after completing his studies at Winstanley College in Orrell.

And finally, one player whose only health problem may soon be a touch of schizophrenia is Latics' own Mark Shaw, who made his first team debut last Saturday at Gillingham. Mark is more used to featuring strongly in the Springfield Park youth set-up as well as having played for Birchley in the Wigan Amateur League since a very young age.

But the split personality comes in because Mark's exploits at Birchley have won him a place in the squad of the Lancashire F.A. Under-eighteens. And should he be selected to play in the team's first practice game in a week or so he will find himself up against Wigan Athletic Youth Team . . . who no doubt will have a certain Mark Shaw down on the team sheet!

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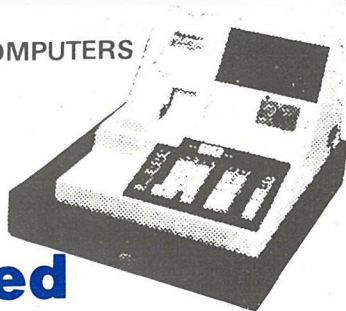
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SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE PAGE

SOCCER NINETY NINER No. 12 — Across — 1. Dyson, 5. See 12 across, 6. Spence, 8. Fisher, 9. Ian Ure, 10. Cooper, 12. & 5ac. Turf Moore (Burnley), 13. Terry. Down: 1. Des, 2. Omniturf, 3. rosette, 4. deflect, 5. Musgrove, 7. Pegasus, 11. Roy, ON THE BALL No. 12 — Kelly, plays, Wells, Lloyd. CLUB CLUE No. 12 — Read Mad-rid. MIXED DOUBLES No. 12 — Ayre, Askew. QUICK QUIZ No. 12 — 1. Allan Simonsen, 2. 51,535, 3. Ajax, 4. Chester, 5. Sailing.

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Les Bradd outjumps the Telford defenders, and puts in a great header. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.

What the papers say...

NEWS OF THE WORLD Larry's Kids in Clover

Wigan Athletic 2 Gillingham 0
Wigan manager Larry Lloyd could hardly believe his good fortune after seeing his make-shift youngsters run rings round Gillingham.

These three points may have taken some of the pressure off Lloyd and his team, but the defeat certainly dented any hopes Gillingham may have had about rejoining the promotion race. Wigan had seven first teamers out injured and making his debut in midfield was 17-year-old Mark Shaw playing by permission of his headmaster.

VOLLEYED
Shaw's "A" level studies were interrupted by a phone call from Lloyd on Friday telling him he was in the side.

Gillingham started brightly enough forcing four corners in as many minutes and it was against the run of play when Wigan went ahead in the 14th minute.

From a Jimmy Weston corner Kevin Langley volleyed the ball home from 12 yards after the Gillingham defence had failed to clear.

With the goal came renewed confidence and Wigan took a grip on the game allowing the home side just a couple of shots at goal.

Roy Tunks dealt with these easily and Wigan deservedly increased their lead in the 65th minute.

John Butler fed David Lowe who sent in a 25 yards swerving shot which goalkeeper Ron Hillyard could only funnel into his own net.

Gillingham introduced substitute Phil Walker to the play in the 79th minute, but time was not on their side with Wigan defending superbly.

THE SUNDAY MIRROR A Grade One Mark

Schoolboy Mark Shaw passed the test when he swapped "A"-level studies for his Football League debut.

The 17-year-old midfielder played a leading part in struggling Wigan's win and only a brilliant save from Gillingham keeper Ron Hillyard denied him a debut goal.

Said Lloyd, who had to get special permission from Mark's headmaster for the youngster to play: "I was pleased with his performance — he certainly showed plenty of enthusiasm".

Wigan had seven first-teamers out with injury and Lloyd added: "It was a good battling show and I was well pleased with the result".

Asked about reports that his managerial future at Wigan might be in doubt Lloyd commented: "I know nothing about it, although people have told me what they have read".

Gillingham seemed to be getting well on top when they were shocked by a 15th-minute goal.

They failed to clear the ball and Kevin Langley blasted home a left-foot shot on the volley.

Roy Tunks defied Gillingham with a series of good saves, although Neil Grewcock hit the post with a 62nd-minute header.

That was the nearest Gillingham came to scoring, and three minutes later their chances of salvaging a result disappeared. John Butler set up a chance for David Lowe, who hammered home from 25 yards.

THE SUNDAY PEOPLE Wigan's Super Subs!

With seven first-team regulars injured, and the midfield slot being filled by a 17-year-old schoolboy, Wigan manager Larry Lloyd could not possibly have hoped for this result.

But his makeshift outfit went out and did him proud.

Gillingham started as if they meant business. Within three minutes they had forced three corners, and Tunks was forced to save magnificently from Grewcock.

As the minutes ticked by, Gillingham became over-anxious and frustrated, but it was a surprise when the visitors took the lead. Weston took a corner and Langley volleyed home. A Grewcock header hit the post — and this reminded Wigan of their responsibilities.

Three minutes later, apprentice Lowe gave them a two-goal lead.

FORM REPORT

Tunks 7, McMahon 6, Cribley 6, Walsh 6, Methven 6, Langley 7, Sheldon 6, Shaw 7, Butler 7, Lowe 6, *WESTON 9.

What you say...

John Evans, 8 Central Drive, Shevington, Wigan.

The performance of Latics against Gillingham was certainly a step in the right direction. It was a great team victory. I am excited at the prospect of David Lowe and John Butler playing together up front on many more occasions. Butler has

been given a hard time by some of the home fans. I only wish they could have seen his tremendous performance yesterday, he looks to be a natural striker. Man of the match in my opinion was Alex Cribley, who should end up Latics Player of the Year if he carries on this way. Well done Latics!

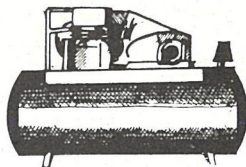
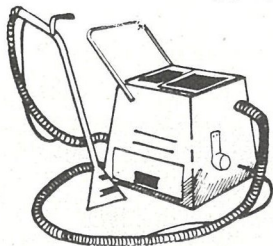
George Brown, Gillingham Supporter.

With all the talk of injuries in your ranks we expected it to be easy for us. But your young lads ran about like men possessed. They look to be a very promising young side who defend well and move very fast up front. I think we were lulled into a false sense of security. We'll know better next time.

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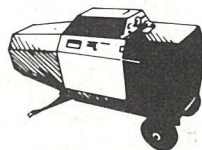
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SHEFFIELD United Football Club was founded in 1889 and up to season 1973/74 was known as Sheffield United Cricket and Football Club. However obvious plans for the Football aspect led to many changes and the Club's name was officially changed following the departure of Yorkshire County Cricket from Bramall Lane at the end of the 1973 Cricket season.

At the start of the 1971/72 Football Season, the then newly promoted Sheffield United went on a remarkable spree. For weeks they cut a swath through the First Division, lying low the three previous champions — Leeds, Everton and Arsenal — and winning 8 of their first 10 matches. Overnight, it seemed, the Blades had become a feared and respected force in English Football. Along with their storming return to the top class they had also put an end to a 90-year-old argument. It had finally been decided that their bed-fellow at Bramall Lane would have to

go. Notice was given to the Yorkshire Cricket Club, who shared their Ground, two years to quit.

It was not an easy decision, for Yorkshire Cricket had been played at the Lane for 150 years and the football club formed in 1889 to provide the Cricketers with a winter activity. But with United having to keep up with the 'Jones's' of the First Division it was absurd that they should have to continue to suffer such a freak as a three sided ground, and the decision was therefore taken to enter into a contract for the development of the New South Stand.

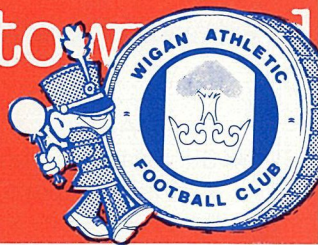
Sheffield United have certainly known the glory days in their distant past. They have won the F.A. Cup on four occasions. In 1899 they defeated Derby County 4-1, in 1902 they beat Southampton 2-1 after a 1-1 draw. In 1915 they beat Chelsea 3-0 and in 1925 they defeated Cardiff City 1-0. They were also F.A. Cup runners-up twice

losing 3-1 to Tottenham in the 1901 replay and lost in 1936.

In 1897/98 the Sheffield United team were in the League Championship. In those days, one of United's players was probably one of the most remarkable soccer players of the era. Goalkeeper Bill Fotheringham was an enormous man who weighed variously between 26 and 28 stone. Despite his size he was a good goalkeeper, he was in goals if he thought he was letting him in. Those days are far removed from the Sheffield United players of the Fourth Division. In the 1982/83 season, the Blades were back to the return of the club to the top class surrounds which was a successful planning and major redevelopment project. It will be the envy of football clubs everywhere.

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STEVE CONROY — Goalkeeper. Conroy joined as an apprentice professional in 1972 and signed full time in December 1974. Regular first team goalkeeper until a broken arm in an Anglo Scottish Cup game against St. Mirren in December 1979 broke the sequence.

STUART HOUSTON — Defender. Born Dunoon. Stuart is a Scottish international who was given a free transfer by Manchester United at the end of the 1979/80 season in recognition of his splendid service to that club. After spells with Chelsea and Brentford Stuart joined United for £55,000 in 1973. He played in the 1976 F.A. Cup final but missed out on a Cup Winners medal a year later after breaking a leg a couple of weeks before hand.

PAUL GARNER — Defender. Born Doncaster. Paul established himself in the Huddersfield Team in the early seventies, before joining Sheffield United in 1979. Two years later he was in a car crash and missed almost a complete season. Of recent times Paul has occupied the left full back or left mid-field position and his earlier days with the Blades, deputised several times as team captain.

TONY KENWORTHY — Defender. Tony came up through the juniors, signed apprentice professional in April 1975 after playing for Leeds and Yorkshire School Boys. Has captained the England Youth International Team, and during 1980/81 celebrated his 150th League appearance with the Blades.

STEVE CHARLES — Midfield. Born Sheffield. Steve joined the Blades in January 1980 on his return from Columbia State University in the U.S.A. where he was studying for a degree in mathematics. Steve is a tireless and hard working mid-field player who has accustomed himself to combining a professional football career and continued studies at Sheffield University.

PAUL RICHARDSON — Midfield. Paul is a vastly experienced midfield player having enjoyed successful spells in the

First Division with Nottingham Forest and Stoke City and has over 400 first team appearances under his belt.

Joined the lane staff a week before the start of the season 1981/82 was unfortunate to sustain two difficult injuries but proved his determination by playing a prominent part in the successful campaign with some sterling performances.

TERRY CURRAN. Signed from Sheffield Wednesday at the end of his contract in July 1982 for a fee of £100,000, a fee determined by the independant tribunal. Terry is a player of immense ability and skill and was highly recommended by his ex-Owls boss for inclusion in the England squad. His short journey across the City was the subject of much publicity but the acquisition by the Blades can only be regarded as being very astute. His link up with Keith Edwards and Colin Morris may well prove to be a thorn in the side of many a team. He started his career at Doncaster Rovers rapidly emphasising his ability before moving on to Nottingham Forest, Derby County and Southampton.

COLIN MORRIS — A winger in the old fashion mould of wing play, likes to take on defenders. And can finish off his work in the area given the chance. He can play on both sides of the field, and has become a firm favourite at Bramall Lane. Signed from Blackpool midway through last season.

KEITH EDWARDS — Returned to 'United' in September 1981 from Hull City and immediately set up a goal scoring partnership with Bob Hatton scoring 37 goals in the process. Reached his '100' league goals during last season.

MICKEY HENDERSON — Another of the close season signings joining the Blades on a free transfer from Watford. Signed by Graham Taylor from Sunderland for a substantial six figure fee Mick played a prominent part in Watfords emergence from the Fourth Division.

GARY BRAZIL — A young professional who tasted first team duty last campaign in a midfield position.

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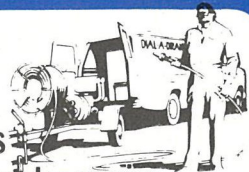
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What a night we have in store for those lucky enough to have got hold of a ticket for Monday. "I'm told the ticket touts have been asking three or four times the price on the black market for tickets for this great event".

Steve Murphy who is one of the most important people at Radio Piccadilly has organised this truly great night for you, the members of Junior Latics. So come along and enjoy yourselves, and at the same time you will be helping Piccadilly's Christmas Appeal, which this year is, yes, you've guessed it, a Toy or Tin Appeal.

How does it work? Well, as far as we are concerned, all the toys will go to those children who aren't as lucky as perhaps you are. **So make sure they're in good condition and in working order.** I'm sure you wouldn't like to find that your presents won't work when you open them, so as I say, in good condition and in working order please.

As far as the tins of fruit, meat, salmon etc. are concerned, they will go to families and older people who can't afford to spend the money on those extras that make Christmas that special time of year.

Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30 p.m. But if you don't bring a toy or a tin you won't get in.

STOP PRESS

Guests at the Disco Party will include: **Larry Lloyd, Eamon O'Keefe, Steve Walsh, Kevin Langley, Kevin Sheldon, Graham Hatton, Wayne Aspinall and Dave Dean.**

COCA-COLA

Congratulations to all those who passed the Coke tests this morning. We have just received the Badges and Certificates from the F.A. for the last sessions which ended in October. We will be presenting these to the winners at our January meeting, when we hope to have J--- R--- present to make the presentations.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the teenagers who played such an important role in last week's win at Gillingham. Well done lads!

MASCOT

Today is rather special, as our mascot comes from the children at Mere Oaks School. She is 13-year-old Tracy Buxton. Tracy's favourite player is Eammon (can't spell his name!) O'Keefe, and her favourite hobby is swimming.

Have a nice day Tracy.

John Fillingham,
Chairman.



JUNIOR LATICS



Half Time Gossip

SOME people believe that having to move the match against Telford United to Sunday to avoid the Rugby League Test Match at Central Park cost us a place in the next round, as the fine conditions on the Saturday would have favoured the home side, whilst the heavy conditions on the Sunday favoured the underdogs. Whether this is true or not can never be proved, but one interesting thing about the Test Match was that the Latics actually made some money out of it. One of our keenest fans, young Jonathan Jackson of Chorley Road saw the occasion, in the words of "Arthur Daley", as the opportunity of a "nice little earner" for Wigan Athletic. He realised that car-parking space for the Rugby game would be desperately short and so he took over the forecourt of his fathers garage, Fred Grimes Ltd. of Standishgate, just up the road from Central Park. The enterprising lad raised £10 in the afternoon which he presented to Latics Secretary Colin Burke at the Telford match as a donation to the club. Well done, Jonathan. Anybody else got any bright ideas?

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Chris. Lawler has been training with the Latics recently and has attended the last few home games (hello Chris, if

you're here today). He is due to go back to Norway in February to resume his position of Manager of Bodo Grand, the team he took from the Third to the Second Division last year.

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A number of Second and First Division clubs have been watching the Latics home and away recently. We wonder who they're watching?

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It's surprising that schoolboy Mark Shaw has any time for football — he's studying for three of the hardest "A" levels going, namely, Maths, Further Maths and Physics. He hopes to go to University next year, but definitely to one within easy reach of Springfield Park.

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Wigan Athletic have joined a group of football league clubs starting off Christmas Hamper schemes for 1983. Watch the press for further details. And watch out also for a new style lottery ticket in January.

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Rumour has it that the average age of the squad which went to Gillingham last week was so young that the video's selected for the team coach were the "Omnibus Jackanory" and the "Adventures of Danger Mouse".

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Happy Birthday to Daniel Hill. 11 years old today. Love from Mum, Dad and Joanne. Enjoy the match.

Greetings to Tom Gwilliam. With lots of love, Karen N.

Happy 12th Birthday to Jason Taylor — the voice in 022. The people sat in front hope his voice breaks this year before they all go deaf! Have a nice day on the 5th December. From Mum, Dad, Jack, Alan and Jimmy.

Congratulations to Lorraine Addison on your 18th Birthday on the 29th November. From Carol.

Happy Birthday Philip Walker. Many happy returns of the day from Mum, Dad, Nan and John at 470, Bolton Road, Aspull.

Congratulations to Carol Wakefield. Best wishes for her birthday on the 3rd December. From the staff in the Commercial Department at Springfield Park.

Colin Methven — Happy Birthday for the 10th December. All the best. Your biggest fan, Julie.

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Happy Birthday Jim Steel. From all the players and staff at Springfield Park.

Happy Birthday for last week to Christopher Reynolds of 3 Martland Avenue, Lowton, who is here today with friends from St. Lukes, Lowton.

BADGE COLLECTORS! Here is a letter received recently, perhaps you can help?

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in the hope that you or someone within the club will be able to help me out. As a hobby I collect official Supporters' Club badges and so far a Wigan Athletic Supporters' Club badge has eluded me and I need only a few to collect to complete my collection from every League team. I have cut out pictures of the two Wigan badges I know of from my badge collecting book and would be very willing to purchase both or even one if possible. If not I am hoping very much that you could print a note in your club programme and possibly pin the badges up somewhere members of your Supporters' Club can see them and possibly let me purchase them. I thank you for all your help.

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John Butler's Disco Dancing leaves the Telford players confused. Photo by courtesy of Mr. C.J. Higgins.



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Player Profile



JIM STEEL

TWO things strike you when you meet Jim Steel. The first is his size — 6 foot 3 inches tall — he can be compared to a small tree. The second is that for a Scot he has a masterful knowledge of the English language and his voice contains no trace of an accent that the majority of his countrymen from North of Hadrian's Wall possess. This is surprising because he never left his native Dumfries until he was 15½ years old. It was then that Colin McDonald, the ex-England goalkeeper now in charge of youth development at Oldham, spotted him playing for the local junior side, Grayston Rovers, and offered him an apprenticeship at Oldham. That was seven and a half years and one hundred and fifty League games ago.

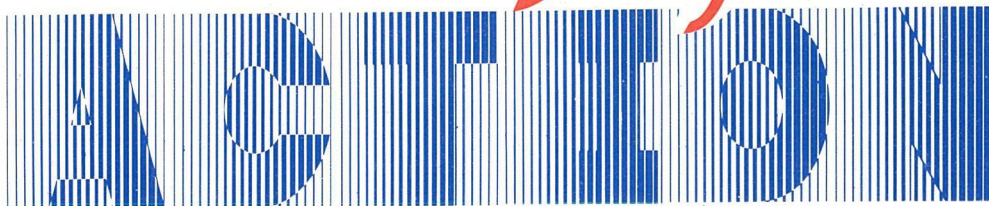
Married (to a girl from Manchester) with one child and one on the way, his career to date has been short on excitement but full of hard work. He was at Wembley once, in a six-a-side curtain-raiser prior to a Charity Shield match. In front of 60,000 people he helped Oldham to victory over Southampton. But, as his job is scoring goals, the high spot in his career was in 1978 when he scored ten goals in thirty-

three games. "When you're a striker, scoring consistently is the greatest thing in the world", he says. "One off victories are great, but it's consistency that you're always striving for". This season he has not had a chance to achieve that, having been kept in Oldham's reserve side until his temporary move to Wigan. But it says a great deal for his reputation that even though Joe Royle does not see him fitting in to his immediate plans, he's put a hefty price on the lad's head and several clubs are interested in him.

Whether Jim Steel stays at Wigan or not, you can be sure that his name will keep cropping up on the back page as he gets on with doing the only thing he has ever wanted to do — playing football. "My only ambition is to be a good professional", he declares, "and as long as I can do that, I'll be happy. Mind you, being a good pro means winning things and I certainly intend to do that".

Today, Jim Steel celebrates his twenty-third birthday. That means he's got another ten years, at least, in the game. If he keeps up his averages, that's an awful lot of League games and, hopefully, an awful lot of goals.

Central League



Nottingham Forest -v- Wigan Athletic

This game was played in atrocious conditions, heavy rain and wind throughout the game. Wigan went ahead early in the game when Jim Steel (our recent acquisition on loan from Oldham) headed quite a good goal.

Our lead, however, was short lived, as Notts. Forest soon equalised with a super goal scored by Walsh, their No. 11. This player added two more before half time to make the score 1-3. Notts scored one more in the second half.

The Forest side included many players with First Division experience, including ex. International Colin Todd.

The Wigan youngsters were not entirely disgraced despite the score, in fact young Mark Shaw who is a schoolboy was praised by all the Forest Directors who attended the game and Larry Lloyd who watched the game saw fit to promote him to the First Team at Gillingham last Saturday.

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NEXT HOME FIXTURES

Tuesday, 14th December, 1982 — Wigan Athletic v Barnsley

Tuesday, 25th January, 1983 — Wigan Athletic v Manchester City.

Supporters Club

SPOTLIGHT

GOOD afternoon. The committee and staff of the Supporters' Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Sheffield United A.F.C. to Springfield Park today.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE CLUB

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New Years Eve **GALA NIGHT**

SUPPORTERS' CLUB AWAY

Wrexham, 27th December. At the time of going to press we have no details of this trip. Details will appear in the next programme.

DARTS AND DOMINOES

Our Domino team is doing very well, being in third position. By the end of the season we hope to have retained the Championship Trophy.

On the Darts front, we don't seem to be having much luck. Let's hope the tide will turn in the coming months.

Don't forget to buy your lottery tickets. On sale in the Club, price 25 pence. You could be £1,000 richer by the end of the game.

Enjoy today's game, call in for a pint after the match. Your club needs your continued and valued support.

Chris Coffey, Chairman.

FACTS+FIGURES

Home fixtures in capitals.
Wigan scores first

Player scoring bold.
† Player substituted.

* Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
† In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Aug. 28	Lincoln City	A	1-2	3,196	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Mathew	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Aug. 30	Stockport (M.C. 1 leg)	A	1-1	3,418	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	O'Keefe	Cribley	Mathew	Langley	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 4	BRENTFORD	H	3-2	5,012	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Mathew	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd†	Houghton	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 7	BRADFORD CITY	H	3-2	5,362	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Mathew	Lodge	Barrow	Butler	Houghton	Rogers	Langley
Sept. 11	Cardiff C.	A	2-3	3,850	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Mathew	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton†	Rogers	Butler
Sept. 14	STOCKPORT (M.C. 1,2 leg)	H	6-5	4,008	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Mathew	Lodge	Barrow	Bradd	Houghton	Rogers	Williams
Sept. 18	AFC BOURNEMOUTH	H	1-2	4,866	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Cribley	Mathew	Lodge	Langley	Bradd†	Houghton	Butler	Rogers
Sept. 25	Chesterfield	A	0-2	2,825	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Mathew	Langley	Butler†	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Rogers
Sept. 28	Doncaster Rovers	A	6-3	4,457	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Mathew	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 2	PLYMOUTH A.	H	3-0	5,011	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Mathew	Langley†	Cribley	Bradd†	Houghton	Gemmell	Glenn
Oct. 5	MANCHESTER CITY (M.C. 2, 1 leg)	H	1-1*	12,194	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Mathew	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Oct. 9	SOUTHEND U.	H	4-0	4,704	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 16	Bristol R.	A	4-4	4,439	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Langley	Glenn	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 19	PORTSMOUTH	H	0-1	4,504	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	O'Keefe	Lloyd	Mathew	Langley	Cribley	Bradd	Butler	Gemmell	Williams
Oct. 23	Reading	A	1-2	2,621	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Lowe	Mathew	Lloyd†	Butler	Cribley	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Oct. 27	Manchester City (M.C. 2, 2nd leg)	A	0-2	16,083	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Lowe†	Walsh	Mathew	Glenn	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Butler
Oct. 30	NEWPORT C.	H	0-1	4,108	Tunks	McMahon	Glenn	Lowe†	Walsh	Mathew	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Nov. 3	Exeter City	A	1-2	2,399	Tunks	Langley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Mathew	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Lowe
Nov. 6	Orient	A	1-1	2,226	Tunks	Cribley	Glenn	Butler	Walsh	Mathew	Sheldon	Weston	Bradd	Houghton	Gemmell	Langley
Nov. 13	MILLWALL	H	3-1	4,456	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Steel	Walsh	Mathew	Butler	Weston	Bradd	Houghton?	Gemmell	Sheldon
Nov. 21	TELFORD U (FA Cup 1st R)	H	0-0	4,805	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Mathew	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 23	Telford U (FA Cup 1st Rd Replay)	H	1-2	5,085	Tunks	McMahon	Weston	Butler	Cribley	Mathew	Sheldon	Langley	Bradd	Houghton	Williams	Lowe
Nov. 27	Gillingham	A	2-0	3,952	Tunks	McMahon	Cribley	Langley	Walsh	Mathew	Sheldon	Shaw	Butler	Lowe	Weston	Williams
Dec. 4	SHEFFIELD U.	H														
Dec. 11	(F.A. Cup 2nd Round)	H														
Dec. 18	OXFORD UNITED	H														
Dec. 27	Wrexham	A														
Dec. 29	WALSALL	H														

* Goal Scorer — Caton (own goal)

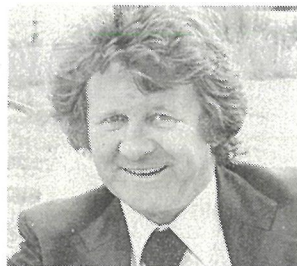
THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

as at Sunday, 28th November, 1982.

	Home							Away						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Lincoln City	16	8	0	0	23	4	4	0	4	9	11	36		
Huddersfield Town	17	7	3	0	26	6	2	2	3	6	9	32		
Newport County	17	6	2	0	17	6	3	2	4	12	13	31		
Cardiff City	16	7	0	1	14	5	3	1	4	12	17	31		
Bristol Rovers	17	7	0	1	25	5	2	3	4	13	14	30		
Portsmouth	17	7	0	2	20	8	2	3	3	8	13	30		
Southend United	17	6	1	0	17	5	3	1	6	12	17	29		
Bradford City	17	6	2	0	20	10	2	2	5	9	15	28		
Brentford	17	6	1	1	21	9	1	4	4	15	20	26		
Gillingham	17	5	1	3	13	8	3	1	4	8	8	26		
Plymouth Argyle	17	6	0	2	11	7	1	4	4	13	22	25		
Oxford United	16	3	5	0	15	8	3	1	4	10	12	24		
Exeter City	17	5	2	2	20	15	1	3	4	9	20	23		
Wrexham	17	5	2	2	10	7	1	3	4	5	14	23		
WIGAN ATHLETIC	17	5	0	3	17	9	2	1	6	14	19	22		
AFC Bournemouth	17	3	3	3	10	7	3	0	5	6	13	21		
Sheffield United	17	4	2	3	12	9	1	3	4	5	12	20		
Chesterfield	16	2	1	5	10	11	2	3	3	7	10	16		
Reading	16	4	2	2	16	11	0	1	7	11	25	15		
Millwall	16	3	4	1	13	11	0	2	6	6	17	15		
Orient	17	3	2	3	13	16	1	1	7	3	22	15		
Preston North End	17	2	5	2	12	10	1	0	7	10	22	14		
Walsall	17	3	2	4	9	13	0	3	5	11	21	14		
Doncaster Rovers	17	2	5	1	23	19	0	1	8	5	21	12		

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Comments from the Chair



AS the Chairman is away at present, he has asked Vice-President Jack Farrimond to take over his column this week.

Good afternoon and a very warm welcome to our visitors today, Sheffield United, a club which led our promotion group into the Third Division last May. Whilst our meeting at Springfield Park last year was rather a dour affair, our meeting at Bramall Lane in front of 22,000 spectators was a tremendous match which they won with the only goal of the game, scored in the last minute. Whilst both they and us have not experienced the same success to date this year I am sure it will be a fine match.

The recently published crisis at Tranmere Rovers has provided us all with yet another reminder of the financial plight of the game. I do not think that it is the last time this season that we will see the distress signal being sent up from a League ground. Here at the Latics we are making strenuous efforts in various directions to ensure that we never join the ranks of Tranmere, Bristol City, Hull City and the rest, but I would enlist the support of

you, our fans, in our efforts. By buying a lottery ticket or by doing some of your Christmas shopping in the Souvenir Shop you can do your bit to secure the clubs financial future. It may appear that a 25p. lottery ticket will not help much, but if just ten per cent of the population of the Wigan Metropolitan area were to buy one each week the Latics could become one of the most successful clubs in the country. We have already seen the amount of grass roots support for the club this season with the unsolicited amounts of money sent in when we were trying to keep Archie Gemmill, and I would just ask you to continue that kind of commitment to the club which I have happily witnessed over the last 50 years.

On the matter of the donations concerning Archie Gemmill, all the money was recorded where possible and will, unless otherwise requested, go into club funds to help us through these most difficult times.

Enjoy the game, and please buy a lottery ticket.

Best wishes,

Jack Farrimond.



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Football League Division Three



**WIGAN
ATHLETIC**
(Royal Blue & White Stripes)

- 1 Roy Tunks
- 2 John McMahon
- 3 Jimmy Weston
- 4 John Butler
- 5 Alex Cribbley
- 6 Colin Methven
- 7 Kevin Sheldon
- 8 Kevin Langelly
- 9 Les Bradd
- 10 Peter Houghton
- 11 Phil Williams
- 12 David Lowe

OFFICIALS

Referee:
MR. J.D. HOUGH
(Macclesfield)

Commenced refereeing in Macclesfield and District Leagues and then via Mid-Cheshire County Leagues to the Football League Line, and subsequently the Full List. Has refereed Cheshire Senior Cup and Cheshire Premier Bowl Finals, also lined in European Cup Quarter-Final in Czechoslovakia and Anglo-Italian Cup matches in Italy, and refereed the Alliance Premier Cup Final.

A married man with two children, he runs his own business of plumbing and heating engineering and has spare time interests in squash, snooker and gardening. He is also President of his local Referees Association.

Linesmen:

(Red Flag) **MR. R. JONES**
(Liverpool)
(Yellow Flag) **MR. R.R. TURNER**
(Skipton)

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ATTENDANCE:

SCORERS

LATICS:

VISITORS:



**SHEFFIELD
UNITED**
(Yellow/Burgundy)

- 1 Steve Conroy
- 2 Mickey Henderson
- 3 Paul Garner
- 4 Paul Richardson
- 5 Stuart Houston
- 6 Tony Kenworthy
- 7 Colin Morris
- 8 Terry Curran
- 9 Keith Edwards
- 10 Steve Charles
- 11 Gary Brazil
- 12 Alan Young